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# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

## December 14

- 9:00-1:00**      **Optional: Walking Tour of Marrakech Old City\***
- 1:15-3:45**      **Executive Committee Meeting (Open to all members of the Association)**
- 4:30-5:45**      **Registration**
- 6:15-7:30**      **Welcome Reception**

## December 15

**Registration: 9:15-10:15**

### **Session I: 9:00-10:15**

#### **Room: Cordoba**

##### **Indigenous Rights, Indigenous Traditions**

Chair: Philip Szmedra

*From Standing Rock to Belo Monte: Indigenous Activism in an Age of Neo-Colonial Accumulation by Dispossession*  
Lauren E. Eastwood, State University of New York at Plattsburgh

*Malinchism and its relation to the loss of oral tradition, a research in Morocco and Mexico*  
Majdouline El Hichou, Al Akhawayn University

*An Assessment Of Economic Impact Of Mining On The Livelihood Of Local Population: A Study In Odisha*  
Dharmabrata Mohapatra, Ravenshaw University

#### **Room: Koutoubia**

##### **Migration in Africa**

Chair: Wei Li

*Geographic Perspective on Contemporary Transnational Migration of Africans*  
Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo, State University of New York College at Cortland.

*A Study of Migrant Social Activism in Morocco*  
Kaylee Steck, Georgetown University

*South-South Migration Cooperation, Challenges and Opportunities: The Case of Moroccan and South African Migration Policies*  
Mohammed Ouhemmou, Hassan II University

## **Room: Al Majliss**

### **Contemporary & Historical Issues in Southeast and South Asia**

Chair: Paul Rodell

*Philippine Martial Law Memory War: Youth Theater vs. A Marcos Clan Resurgence*

Paul A. Rodell, Georgia Southern University

*Driven to America: "Calumny" Against the Indian Community in Manila before the First World War*

Marc Jason Gilbert, Hawaii Pacific University

*Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan Following the American Withdrawal*

David Jervis, Marie Curie-Sklodowska University

## **10:15-10:40: Tea Break**

## **Session II: 10:45-12:15**

## **Room: Cordoba**

### **Lincoln's Legacy**

Chair: William Pederson

*Lincoln's Legacy in North Africa: A Survey*

William Pederson, Louisiana State University- Shreveport

*Lincoln's Legacy in Burkina Faso*

Fatimah Smith and Navdeep Singh, Louisiana State University- Shreveport

*Lincoln's Influence in Southern Africa: A Case Study of Zimbabwe*

Eliza M. Malinova, Louisiana State University- Shreveport

*Lincoln Schools in Cuba*

Shalisa Roland, Louisiana State University- Shreveport

## **Room: Koutoubia**

### **Major Themes in Contemporary Cameroonian Studies**

Chair: Julius Amin

*Politics without Vision: Electoral Politics without Prospects in Cameroon*

Moses Tesi, Middle Tennessee University

*Counter-Terrorism in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Obama and Bush Approach*

Andrew Luma, Palm Beach State College

*Organizational Formation among Cameroonian Immigrants in the United States*

Joseph Takougang, University of Cincinnati

*Did the protest of December 2016 represent a significant turning point in the Anglophone struggle in Cameroon?*

Julius A. Amin, University of Dayton

## **Room: Al Majliss**

### **Youth and Education**

Chair: Naveed S. Sheikh

*The Millennial Generation's Impact on Revolutionary Movements and the Middle East: An Expansion of Juan Cole's The Young Arabs.*

Adrian Winchester, Rhodes College

*The Impact of gender Bias on Education and Employment: The case of South Asia*

Mishaal Zulfqar, University College London

*How Do The Political Parties Of Pakistan And India Influence Educational Systems And Policies To Foster Their Own Ideologies?*

Vanessa Pattharwala, University College London

*How Does The Education System Of Pakistan Construct Certain Notions Of National Identity And What Are Its Implications For Framing An Attitude Towards The 'Other'?*

Aly Jafferani, University College London

## **Lunch: 12:15-1:40**

## **Session III: 1:45-3:00**

## **Room: Cordoba**

### **Topics in Gender and Sexuality**

Chair: Adrian Winchester

*Creating the Black Beast: Constructions of Black Masculinity in South Africa and the U.S.*

Brooke Judie, Georgia College

*Sex Work and Empowerment: A Global Perspective*

Breanna Harkins, Georgia College

*Revealing Islamophobia: Western Feminism and the Discourse on the Veil*

Kelley Quinn, Georgia College

## **Room: Koutoubia**

### **Pedagogy and Education**

Chair: Brian Parkinson

*Closing of the Kenyan Mind: How University Transformation Subverts Intellectual Values in the Academy*

Ishmael I. Munene, Northern Arizona University

*Rethinking pedagogy in the age of anthropocene: From the logic of colonization to the logic of kincentricity*

Etsuko Kinefuchi, University of North Carolina, Greensboro and S. Lily Mendoza, Oakland University

*Teaching the Middle East in World History*

Brian R. Parkinson, Georgia Southwestern State University

## **Room: Al Majliss**

### **Africa: Economic, Politics and Demography**

Chair: Andrew Luma

*Africa: Missed Opportunities and Second Opportunities*

Dee Mornah and James T. Gire, Virginia Military Institute

*The Brewing Africana Wars in the Diaspora: Nescient Politics of the Oppressed*

Peyi Soyinka-Airewele, Ithaca College

*Africa's Demographic Transition and the Demographic Dividend: Challenges, Strategies and Implications*

William K. Darley, King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia and University of Toledo, USA.

## **Session IV: 3:10-4:25**

## **Room: Cordoba**

### **Religion, Orientalism and Othering: Colonial and Post-colonial**

Chair: Mohamed Ezroua

*Techno-Orientalism: representations of South Asia on the Web*

Juli L. Gittinger, Georgia College

*Mohamed Ben Haddu-Attar: A Moor at King Charles II's Court*

Karim Bejjit, University Abdelmalek Essaadi University

*Impugning the Discourse of "Islamic Terrorism": A Counter-Orientalist Reading of Contemporary Muslim Captivity Memoirs*

Youssef Boutahar, Hassan II University

## **Room: Koutoubia**

### **China: A Comparative and/or Multi-disciplinary Perspective**

Chair: Xun (George) Wang

*Prelude to China's Economic "Miracle": Worker Performance in State-Owned Factories before the Reform*

Huaiyin Li, University of Texas at Austin

*Policies for Recruiting Talented Professionals from the Diaspora: India and China Compared*

Wei Li, Arizona State University; Kanika Bakshi, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Xuanyu Huang, Independent Scholar; and Yining Tan, Arizona State University

*State Control of Social Organizations in China: A Historical-institutional Analysis*

Rui Tong, Jiangnan University and Xun (George) Wang, University of Wisconsin-Parkside and Jiangnan University

## **Room: Al Majliss**

### **Latin America: Politics and Public Health**

Chair: Jose Da Cruz

*A Revolution in Public Health: Death, Disease, and Political Reform in Revolutionary Mexico, 1910-1920*

Ryan M. Alexander, State University of New York at Plattsburgh

*US/Cuba Relations during Trump's Administration*

Jose Da Cruz, Armstrong State University and US Army War College; Joshua Kohler Da Cruz, Georgia State University

*Juan Valdez, Conchita and Colombian Coffee: A Successful Advertising Campaign*

Michael Hall, Armstrong State University

**Tea Break: 4:30-4:45**

**Session V: 4:45-6:00**

**Room: Cordoba**

**Subaltern Nationalisms and Consciousness in Comparative and Historical Perspectives**

Chair: Jacek Lubecki

*Palestinian and Polish Struggle for Sovereignty in a Comparative Perspective.*

Jacek Lubecki, Georgia Southern University

*Amazigh Identity and Political Consciousness in Morocco.*

Youssef Salhi, Georgia Southern University,

*Can the Subaltern Act? The Fanonian Fallacy and Ali Mazrui's Views on Terrorism*

Naveed Sheikh, Keele University

**Room: Koutoubia**

**Topics in Democracy and Authoritarianism**

Chair: Egodi Uchendu

*Is the Quest for Liberal Democracy in Pakistan a Pipe Dream?*

Kassie Jones, Jessie Moore, and Chaitram Singh; Berry College

*Nigerian Political Experiences*

Egodi Uchendu, University of Nigeria

*US-Africa Relations under President Trump: New Life Support for Africa's Strongmen?*

Augustine E. Ayuk; Clayton State University

**Room: Al Majliss**

**National Security and Nationalism**

Chair: Houman Sadri

*Good Rockets; Bad Rockets: An Analysis of News Coverage of the Iranian, Israeli and Indian Ballistic Missile Programs.*

John Hickman, Berry College; Sam Fuller, University of California- Davis; Seth Read, Berry College

*Central Asian States' Relations in the Global & Regional Context*

Houman A. Sadri, University of Central Florida; and Basak Akar, IPAC Foundation (USA)

*Interrogating Nationalism: How Should Social Scientists Think About Nationalism in the Global South in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?*

David Schwam-Baird, University of North Florida

**Optional Excursion to Chez Ali\*: 7:30 pm**

**Session VI: 9:30-10:45**

**Room: Cordoba**

**Decolonizing Study Abroad**

Chair: Gemma Ortega

*Theory: Post-colonial Pedagogy/ Critical Consciousness*

Gil Cook; Gema Ortega; Lisa A. Petrov; and Christina Perez; Dominican University

*Theory to Practice: Dominican University Programs as Case Studies: al-Andalus (Andalucía/Morocco)*

Gema Ortega, Dominican University

*Theory to Practice: Dominican University Programs as Case Studies: Cuba*

Gil Cook, Dominican University

*Theory to Practice: Dominican University Programs as Case Studies: Tijuana*

Lisa Petrov, Dominican University

*Closing Remarks*

Gil Cook; Gema Ortega; Lisa A. Petrov; and Christina Perez; Dominican University

**Room: Koutoubia**

**Migration and Racism**

Chair: Sabita Manian

*Comparing the Boundaries of Civic Belonging: Immigrant Integration Policies in Montreal and Paris.*

Elizabeth Onasch, SUNY Plattsburgh

*How the Global North Is Turning the Global South into an Immigration Detention Gulag*

Michael Flynn, Global Detention Project (Geneva, Switzerland)

*Intersectionality of Race, Religion & Politics: Indentureship, Migration and the Caribbean*

Dr. Sabita Manian, Lynchburg College

**Room: Al Majliss**

**Cross-cultural Fertilizations: Arts, Religion and Science**

Chair: Yaqoob Khan Bangash

*Provincialising' South Asia: The Development of History in India and Pakistan*

Yaqoob Khan Bangash, Information Technology University

*Visualizing death and the corpse: Perspectives on Postmortem Photography in India*

Uwe Skoda, Aarhus University

*Kendrick Lamar Meets Mansa Sunjata: What US Hip-Hop Could Learn from Moroccan Youth Who Became Griot-Healers in 13<sup>th</sup> Century Mali*

James Perkinson, Ecumenical Theological Seminary



**Tea: 10:45-11:10**

**Session VII: 11:15-12:30**

**Room: Cordoba**

**Perspectives on Gender and Sexuality**

Chair: Juli Gittinger

*(En)Gendering Refugee (In)Security Practices: The Case Of Syrian Women Refugees In Lebanon*  
Jessy Abouarab, Florida International University

*"I Resent Society's Irrational Fear of Sex:" Perspectives on Sexuality Among Youth in India*  
Sunita Manian, Georgia College

*African Youth Negotiating Cultural Identity and Sexual Risk in a Rapidly Globalizing World: A Case Study of Nigerian Youth*  
Chinekwu Obidoa, Mercer University; M.A. Obidoa, University of Nigeria, Nsukka Campus

**Room: Koutoubia**

**Africa: Economic Perspectives**

Chair: James Gire

*The Second Generation Theory of Fiscal Federalism and Federal Bailouts in Nigeria*  
John Boye Ejobowah, Wilfrid Laurier University

*Maintaining Political Order: ECOWAS Military Intervention in the Gambia*  
Peter Dumba, Fort Valley State University

*This is not "The End:" How International Firms Manage International Uncertainty*  
Charles Kachi Anumonwo, University of Michigan

**Room: Al Majliss**

**Topics in Globalization, Neo-colonialism and Neo-Liberalism**

Chair: Amrita Ghosh

*Neo-colonialism is Dead: Long Live Neocolonialism*  
G.N. Uzoigwe, Mississippi State University

*Normative Responses to Neoliberal Globalization: Fatwas and the Capitalist Economy*  
Omer Awass, American Islamic College

*Globalization and Brain Drain: The Case of Sub-Saharan Africa*  
Doyin Coker-Kolo, Indiana University Southeast

**Lunch: 12:30-1:40**

## Session VIII: 1:45-3:25

### Room: Cordoba

#### Global South Successes and Challenges

Chair: Egodi Uchendu

*The Neo-Development State and Local Production of Drugs: Brazil's Pharmaceutical Successes and Challenges*

Matthew Flynn, Georgia Southern University

*Media Ownership, State Censorship and Western Interest Ascendancy in the Global South: A Neo-colonial Approach*

Joseph Oluchukwu Wogu, University of Nigeria, Nsukka

*Sub-Saharan Integration in Morocco*

Khalid Lahlou, Hassan II University

### Room: Koutoubia

#### Pleasure, Music, Literature and Art

Chair: James Winchester

*Visions of Pleasure and the Good Life from Across the Global South*

James Winchester, Georgia College

*Reorganizing Multicultural Music History*

Alwen Yeung, Georgia Southwestern State University

*Transnational Publishing Connections and the Making of African Literature: The Case of Heinemann African Writers Series*

Nourdin Bejjit, University Mohamed V

*Moroccan Traditional Rugs*

Samir El Azhar, University Hassan II

### Room: Al Majliss

#### Religion and Culture

Chair: Sabita Manian

*The Political: Sacred and Secular*

Sudarshan Padmanabhan, IIT-Madras

*Revisiting Migration as Theologizing*

Diego de los Rios, Northwestern University

*The Perception of Rituals in the *Ismā'īlī* Muslim Community in Southern Pakistan - A Case Study on the Idea of Modern *Ismā'īlism**

Amir Ali Parpia, University College London

*Deciphering the Cosmos Across Cultures: Religion, Science and Literature in the Western World*

Mohamed Ezroua, University Mohamed V

**Tea Break: 3:25-3:40**

**Session IX 3:45-5:25**

**Room: Cordoba**

**Perspectives in Politics, Gender and Identity**

Chair: Sunita Manian

*State Repression and Gender on the Eve of the Arab Spring in Leyla Bouzid's As I Open my Eyes*

Victoria Pasley, Ashford University

*Kashmir: A Space of Exception and the 'Bildung' of a Gendered Kashmiri Identity.*

Amrita Ghosh, Linnaeus University

*United States Africa Foreign Policy in the Trump Administration: Implications for African Leadership*

Nurudeen B. Akinyemi, Kennesaw State University

**Room: Koutoubia**

**Issues in the Middle East, Asia and Pacific: Health, Food and Conflict**

Chair: Majdouline El Hichou

*Diabetes and Depression in Samoa: A Case Study*

Philip Szmedra, Georgia Southwestern University

*Development as Biopolitics: Food Security and Contemporary Indian Experience*

Jyotirmaya Tripathy, IIT-Madras

*Charles Freer Andrews, Africa And India; A British Clergy Who Bucked the Empire*

Kalyan Chatterjee, Amity University

*From Arab Spring to Islamic State: Regional Prospects for Conflict Resolution*

Banfsheh Keynoush, Independent Scholar

**Room: Al Majliss**

**Conservation, Preservation and Natural Resources**

Chair: Kaylee Steck

*Conservation, Identity and Hunting in Botswana*

Cathy Skidmore-Hess, Georgia Southern University

*Colonial Remnants in Caring for Morocco's Working Equids*

Gwyneth Talley, University of California, Los Angeles

*Borderlines, Natural Resources and Conflicts: A Territorial Materialism of Boundary Disputes in East Africa*

Chukwuma Okoli, Federal University Lafia, Nigeria

**6:45 Depart for The Red House for the Banquet and Keynote Address**

## Keynote Address:

**Touria Jabrane**, is a well-known and much-loved theatre director, actress, politician, and thinker. Ms. Jabrane held the position of Minister of Culture between 2007 and 2009.



December 17

**9 a.m. Optional Tour to Essaouira\***

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\* The AGSS is not responsible for the optional tours; the optional tours are only facilitated by the AGSS. The tours will be organized by Hotel El Andalous. We will provide you with information on prices and on how to sign up for the tour with Hotel El Andalous. Payments will have to be made directly to Hotel El Andalous.

# Synopses

**Jessy Abouarab**, Florida International University

*(En)Gendering Refugee (In)Security Practices: The Case Of Syrian Women Refugees In Lebanon*

This research paper discusses the deterioration of the legal situation and status of Syrian women refugees in Lebanon due to restrictive policies introduced post 2015 and implemented by the Lebanese government in violation of International customary laws.

**Nurudeen B. Akinemi**, Kennesaw State University

*United States Africa Foreign Policy in the Trump Administration: Implications for African Leadership*

The paper will explore the substantive American foreign policy achievements in Africa under the Obama administration, and the changes and continuities under the Trump administration, so far. It will also try to project into the immediate future, what we can expect going forward. What are the policy implications for African leaders?

**Ryan M. Alexander**, State University of New York at Plattsburgh

*A Revolution in Public Health: Death, Disease, and Political Reform in Revolutionary Mexico, 1910-1920*

This paper examines the social experience of epidemic disease, as well as the public health reform spurred by that experience, during the 1910-1920 Mexican revolution. The paper argues that the society-wide response to the disease reflected a transitional moment both in the field of medicine and in the political history of Mexico.

**Julius A. Amin**, University of Dayton

*Did The Protest Of December 2016 Represent A Significant Turning Point In The Anglophone Struggle In Cameroon?*

In November 2016, peaceful protest organized by teachers and lawyers over the marginalization of the South West and North West Regions, both “Anglophone” parts of the country, turned violent. In a now routine typical fashion, government response was swift, brutal, and heavy-handed. Based on interviews, local newspapers and a variety secondary sources, this paper argues that the protest of 2016 despite the commotion achieved little and as a result did not represent a significant turning point in Cameroonian affairs.

**Charles Kachi Anumonwo**, University of Michigan

*This is Not “The End”’: How International Firms Manage International Uncertainty*

The explicit focus of the paper on how international firms in the Global South manage uncertainty goes beyond one-sided doomsday conclusions, and sheds light on the variety of local and global factors at play in keeping companies viable in spite of significant political and economic events.

**Omer Awass**, American Islamic College

*Normative Responses to Neoliberal Globalization: Fatwas and The Capitalist Economy*

My paper will explore how the issuance fatwas in the contemporary Muslim world is discursively competing with neoliberal capitalist ideology by embedding religious ethics in economic discourse. I will examine the contemporary fatwas on commercial transactions that are issued by international Muslim organizations.

**Augustine E. Ayuk**, Clayton State University

*US-Africa Relations under President Trump: New Life Support for Africa's Strongmen?*

This paper will examine US-Africa Relations under the Trump administration and attempt to justify and draw conclusions whether or not those concerns raised are genuine or not.

**Yaqoob Bangash**, Information Technology University

*Provincialising' South Asia: The Development of History in India and Pakistan*

This paper focuses on the development of history textbooks in India and Pakistan and how they have transformed from an international perspective under the British Raj, to a 'provincial' outlook after independence. Themes relating to post-colonialism, rise of religious fundamentalism, and modernity, will be explored in the paper.

**Karim Bejjit**, University Abdelmalek Essaadi University

*Mohamed Ben Haddu Attar: A Moor at King Charles II's Court*

This paper engages with the experience of a Moroccan diplomat, Mohamed ben Haddu Attar to London in 1682. It offers a brief account of the historical context of this extraordinary mission, and discusses the constructed images of the Moroccan ambassador in contemporary English literature and painting.

**Nourdin Bejjit**, University Mohamed V

*Transnational Publishing Connections and the Making of African Literature: The Case of Heinemann African Writers Series*

Heinemann African Writers Series represents a remarkable case in the publishing history of world literature. Its particularity rises from the fact that it was produced by a British publishing house, namely Heinemann Educational Books which sought to bring together an extensive range of African works. These works varied from creative to biographical writings, and echoed the rich multilingual and multicultural African voices then in the making. Most importantly today, African literature written in or translated into English is appreciated as a 'writing back' to the empire, a counter-intellectual force that serves to increase our understanding of colonial and post-colonial conditions. This essay, therefore, seeks to shed light on various aspects of publishing the AWS. It provides a historical survey of the rise, development and the eventual crisis befalling the Series.

**Youssef Boutahar**, Hassan II University

*Impugning the Discourse of 'Islamic Terrorism': A Counter-Orientalist Reading of Post 9/11 Muslim Captivity Memoirs*

Given the debate currently prevailing over 'religious extremism' and nationalisms in a globalized world recently ravaged by wars and jolted by uprisings, the provision for a rationale for challenging the discourse of 'Islamic terrorism' is likely to maximize spaces of contesting Western misconceptions about the Muslim Other. Such a critique of 'Orientalist-religious' discourse is carried out by investigating white women's post-9/11 narratives of Muslim captivity.

**Kalyan Chatterjee**, Amity University

*Charles Freer Andrews, Africa And India; A British Clergy Who Bucked The Empire*

Charles Freer Andrews was an Anglican British priest who came to India as young man and stayed on for 36 years during which he moved from empire supporter to anti-imperialist. Andrews, a forgotten figure now, represented the contradictions within Britain that eventually led to the dissolution of the empire.

**Doyin Coker-Kolo**, Indiana University Southeast

*Globalization and Brain Drain: The Case of Sub-Saharan Africa*

The growth of international mobility of educated and experienced personnel (brain drain) has been accelerated due to the globalization and the increase in information technology. Some suggest the problem is irreversible, demands comprehensive solutions and negatively impacts the developing countries. This paper explores the

relationship between globalization and brain drain focusing in particular on its impact on selected Sub-Saharan African countries.

**Gil Cook**, Dominican University

*Decolonizing Study Abroad in the US: Dominican University Students' Intellectual Exchanges with Cuba, al-Andalus, and Tijuana*

Drawing from the pedagogy proposed by Paulo Freire and bell hooks, this panel examines DU's study abroad programs to emphasize the university's work at *conscientização*, teaching U.S. students "new ways of seeing" themselves in the world as intellectually and culturally indebted to the traditions of the global South.

**Jose de Arimateia Da Cruz**, Armstrong State University and US Army War College

*US/Cuba Relations during the Trump's Admiration*

This presentation assesses the future of US/Cuba relations in light of President Trump's tweets and presidential directives toward the nation-island of Cuba.

**Joshua Kohler Da Cruz**, Georgia State University

*US/Cuba Relations during the Trump's Admiration*

This presentation assesses the future of US/Cuba relations in light of President Trump's tweets and presidential directives toward the nation-island of Cuba.

**William K. Darley**, King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia and University of Toledo, USA.

*Africa's Demographic Transition and the Demographic Dividend: Challenges, Strategies and Implications*

Africa is currently experiencing a demographic transition where the working age population (i.e., 15 to 64 year olds) is exceeding the dependent populations (i.e., less than 15 years old and 65 years old and above). Africa's changing population structure offers an opportunity for a demographic dividend. This paper investigates the antecedents of the demographic dividend in terms of changes in age structure and fertility decline. It interrogates the underlying human capital challenges such as family planning, education, human resource development, public sector capacity building and policies to create jobs and opportunities for the youth.

**Rukhsana David**, Kinnaird College

*Colin David's Paintings: Local, Foreign or Transnational?*

This paper focuses on the work of Colin David (1937-2008) an eminent artist based in Lahore Pakistan. It aims to critically analyze his paintings from both the traditional and the Western aesthetic perspectives. The cross-cultural fertilization mirrored in this Pakistani artist's work will be closely scrutinized to explore the possibilities of separating his 'local' and 'foreign' sensibilities and expressions.

**Diego de los Rios**, Northwestern University

*Revisiting Migration as Theologizing*

This paper examines the relationship between religion and immigration among Colombian evangelicals in the United States and Spain. I explore how members of one particular church utilize religious narratives and language to interpret their migratory experiences and how religion influences the way they interact with their host society.

**Peter Dumbuya**, Fort Valley State University

*Maintaining Political Order: ECOWAS Military Intervention in the Gambia*

This paper critically analyzes the legal basis for the military intervention of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in the Gambia to ensure a change of political leadership from President Yahya Jammeh to the opposition coalition leader Adama Barrow following the disputed elections of December 2016.

A purely economic union when it was founded in 1973, ECOWAS has long since come to the realization that central to economic growth and development is political order in the sub-region. Political order, as Francis Fukuyama has written, depends, among other things, on procedural accountability which means citizens' participation in free and fair elections held periodically to elect and discipline their rulers.

**Lauren E. Eastwood**, State University of New York, College at Plattsburgh

*From Standing Rock to Belo Monte: Indigenous Activism in an Age of Neo-Colonial Accumulation by Dispossession*

While indigenous peoples' activism in opposition to development projects is not a new phenomenon, in the current age of neoliberal capital accumulation, the rhetoric of the primacy of economic growth facilitates and justifies energy production and extraction projects, exacerbating circumstances for indigenous peoples who stand in the way of such projects. This paper analyzes the ways in which indigenous peoples have strategically taken up particular UN declarations in order to contest energy projects that jeopardize indigenous lands and rights.

**John Boye Ejobowah**, Wilfrid Laurier University

*The Second Generation Theory of Fiscal Federalism and Federal Bailouts in Nigeria*

This paper discusses Nigeria's federal fiscal arrangements in light of the second generation theory of fiscal federalism. It notes that the prescriptions of the SGTFF speak directly to Nigeria where there is an entrenched culture of fiscal indiscipline. However, it also notes that the theory is at odds with Nigerian federalism that is structurally founded on intergovernmental transfers.

**Samir El Azhar**, University Hassan II

*Moroccan Traditional Rugs*

This paper aims at exploring this rich cultural diversity in Morocco through a close analysis of traditional Moroccan rugs. We are familiar with their shapes, designs, geometrical patterns and symbols but a few of us really understand their meaning and significance. Very few people know that these wool rugs hide a secret story and that these designs are actually a coded language. In the stalls of the souks, sellers assail both Moroccans and tourists, and base their arguments on the quality of the wool, the brilliance of the colours, and shout this rhetoric of handmade. If one insists a little, they will perhaps reveal the geographic origin of the carpet in question, but very few are able to decrypt the signs. However, historians, anthropologists, experts of the Amazigh culture, passionate about antiquities, antique dealers and art galleries can decipher their meaning and decode their secret message.

**Majdouline El Hichou**

*Malinicism And Its Relation To The Loss Of Oral Tradition, A Research In Morocco And Mexico.*

This paper is a research on traditional storytelling in Morocco and Mexico, how it is slowly disappearing in a more globalized world, and the struggles of indigenous peoples to preserve it as it is a central component of their local cultures.

**Mohamed Ezroua**, University Mohamed V

*Deciphering the Cosmos Across Cultures: Religion, Science, and Literature in the Western World*

This paper looks at how a cross-cultural fertilization between religion, science, and literature in the Western world has imagined the Cosmos and offered conflicting interpretations of the birth of the universe and the positions of humans and gods in it. The fantastic universes of Indian Krishna, Babylonian Gilgamesh, Greek Zeus and Apollo, Egyptian Horus are all as fascinating as Gulliver's Travels, Dante's Divine Comedy, Milton's Paradise Lost, Victor Frankenstein, and the modern cyborgs (men-machines) inhabiting the cyber universe of Star Wars. All these creations offer powerful imaginary constructions of the universe and of the life of the human race roaming this Cosmos.



**Matthew B. Flynn**, Georgia Southern University

*The Neo-Development State and Local Production of Drugs: Brazil's Pharmaceutical Successes and Challenges*

This paper details Brazil's "Industrial Health Complex" and efforts to provide access to essential medicines through a conceptualization of the neo-development state. Compared to previous ideas of development states, the neo-development state emphasizes new forms of state intervention in the economy, strong social rights protections, and participatory politics.

**Michael Flynn**, Global Detention Project (Geneva, Switzerland)

*How the Global North Is Turning the Global South into an Immigration Detention Gulag*

Immigration detention has taken on global proportions as key migrant receiving countries pressure less developed countries on their peripheries to block migrants and asylum seekers. This paper details the strategies and motives that have led to a growing archipelago of detention regimes across the Global South.

**Sam Fuller**

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**Amrita Ghosh**, Linnaeus University

*Kashmir: A Space of Exception and the 'Bildung' of a Gendered Kashmiri Identity*

The Partition of India in 1947 is merged with the painful history of Kashmir, whose genesis lies in the arbitrary construction of borders. Kashmir's alliance to either India or Pakistan continuously remains a point of strife for both nuclear nations. In her book, *Territory of Desire*, Ananya Jahanara Kabir reveals how the tragic history of Kashmir has been framed within a discourse of fantasy and desire in which Kashmir becomes the postcolonial nation's "fetish of desire" in the construction of a narrative of paradise that dwells in the nation's imaginary but is starkly denied by ground reality. Within this backdrop, my paper focuses on two literary texts by Kashmiri women authors, from both the Hindu and Muslim sides, Sudha Koul's *The Tiger Ladies* (2003) and *Lost in Terror* (2016) by Nayeema Mahjoor.

**Marc Jason Gilbert**, Hawaii Pacific University

*Driven to America: "Calumny" Against the Indian Community in Manila before the First World War*

This paper offers a study of the attacks in the Philippine Press and assaults on the bodies on Indian immigrants in Manila in 1911. It examines factors that influenced these attacks and their results, including the interplay of sub-imperial Western colonial policy in Asia, anti-colonial resistance, and indigenous agency.

**Dee Mornah and James T. Gire**, Virginia Military Institute

*Africa: Missed Opportunities and Second Opportunities*

Most African countries had comparable socio-economic indicators to East Asian counterparts at independence, yet have stagnated in development while the Asian countries have progressed. Perhaps a better comparison would be between African countries. This could unravel overlooked reasons for the development stagnation in many African countries.

**Juli L. Gittinger**, Georgia College

*Techno-Orientalism: Representations of South Asia on the Web*

This essay revisits Said's concept of *Orientalism* as we might apply it to the digital public sphere of the Web, and how presentations of South Asian religion/culture are articulated (and problematized) through this medium.

**Michael R. Hall**, Armstrong State University

*Juan Valdez, Conchita, and Colombian Coffee: A Successful Advertising Campaign*

In 1958, the National Federation of Coffee Growers of Colombia, a cartel of over 500,000 coffee growers in Colombia, unveiled the fictional character Juan Valdez to distinguish pure Colombian coffee from coffee blended with beans from other countries. Valdez, assisted by his mule Conchita, contend that coffee beans grown and harvested in Colombia are superior to other beans because of the unique soil, altitude, and weather conditions found in Colombia. As such, Valdez has become a globally-recognizable icon for Colombia. In 2002, the National Federation of Coffee Growers of Colombia, building on the successful iconic image of Juan Valdez, launched Juan Valdez Café, a multinational coffeehouse chain that specializes in Colombia coffee.

**Breanna Harkins**, Georgia College

*Sex Work and Empowerment: A Global Perspective*

In my paper, I am looking to shed light on the option of women consensually going into the line of sex work during times of struggle and hardship. Women who utilize the resource that is their body to provide and/or compensate for their families in times of loss, change, hardship, etc. prove that they understand the importance, significance, and power that is held within the female body. The paper will include focus on consensual female sex work, demographics of workers, reasons for entering into the line of sex work, and personal testimonies on policies, laws, morals/ethics, and economy.

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**Aly Jafferani**, University College London

*How Does The Education System Of Pakistan Construct Certain Notions Of National Identity And What Are Its Implications For Framing An Attitude Towards The 'Other'?*

The essay would explore the extent of state policies' influence on textbooks in the historical evolution of public education in Pakistan and the formation of certain attitudes due to those policies. It will also analyse the content from those textbooks to project the notions of national identity and the 'Other'.

**David Jervis**, Marie Curie-Sklodowska University

*Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan Following the American Withdrawal*

This paper considers explanations for the deterioration of the political-military situation in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan following the withdrawal of American troops from those countries.

**Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo**, State University of New York College at Cortland

*Geographic Perspective on Contemporary Transnational Migration of Africans*

Informed by geographic perspective on an analysis of available information on migrant flows, particularly the increased flows in the Mediterranean that connect Africa and European countries, origins and destinations prior to 2008 are compared with the contemporary transnational migration of Africans across the continent including refugees.

**Kassie Jones, Jessie Moore, and Chaitram Singh**, Berry College

*Is the Quest for Liberal Democracy in Pakistan a Pipe Dream?*

The recent dismissal of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif due to corruption charges has aborted his strategic goal of liberal democracy. Does this signal the end of the quest for liberal democracy, or, is it probable that the quest was doomed from the start of Pakistan's first military coup?

**Brooke Judie**, Georgia College

*Creating the Black Beast: Constructions of Black Masculinity in South Africa and the U.S.*

I plan for my research to focus on the history of European colonialism and white racial dominance, and its effect on the ways in which many Westerners conceptualize black masculinity. I will focus on the European colonization of South Africa and the ways in which white America shaped perceptions of black masculinity. What I have gathered based on my research is that European conceptions of masculinity entailed economic prosperity and sexual dominance over women. However, these components of masculinity were often denied to black men, especially those enslaved in the North American colonies. I want to explore the historical white male investment in the oppression of black men in order to better understand the oppression they currently face today.

**Nadhra Shahbaz Khan**, Lahore University of Management Sciences

*Nineteenth Century French Patrons of a Lahori Painter: Paintings that Speak Two Languages*

This paper discusses nineteenth century paintings created in Lahore by a local artist patronised by French army officers serving the Sikh Maharaja Ranjit Singh (r. 1799–1839). Featuring Sikh royalty and illustrations of classical French literature, Fables of La Fontaine, these paintings are a treasure trove of intercultural dialogue, the power of visual narrative and the universal appeal of art and literature!

**Dr. Banafsheh Keynoush**, Independent Scholar

*From Arab Spring to Islamic State: Regional Prospects for Conflict Management*

Events in recent past, from the Arab Spring to the rise of the Islamic State, beg the question of what the Middle East region's prospects are for resolving and managing conflicts. How the region responds to conflicts is defined by geo-strategic factors shaped at the regional and not the international level, as this present paper will argue, and less so by factors that are associated to Islam and conflicts therein than one thinks.

**Etsuko Kinofuchi**, University of North Carolina at Greensboro and **S. Lily Mendoza**, Oakland University

*Rethinking Pedagogy In The Age Of Anthropocene: From The Logic Of Colonization To The Logic Of Kincentricity*

In the age of anthropocene and its annihilating consequences on humans and non-humans particularly in the global south, this paper calls for a transformation of pedagogy in all disciplines from one that supports the logic of colonization to one that is based on what indigenous peoples may call "kincentricity."

**Khalid Lahlou**, Hassan II University

*Sub-Saharan Integration*

Each year, floods of sub-Saharan immigrants make (un) successful attempts to come over to Morocco, as a first step to safely reach the European Eldorado in search of better living conditions. It should be noted, however, that not all the sub-Saharan immigrants have in mind the risky 'project' of crossing the Mediterranean Sea. In fact, a good number of them do come with the idea of settling permanently in Morocco, founding a family here and raising their children in an environment that is much better than the one they have left in their native countries. The questions that are asked here are the following: Will it be easier for this category of sub-Saharans to easily integrate in the Moroccan society?; What will be the medium and long-term effect (s) of their presence in a totally different cultural milieu?; What role could the Moroccan media play to help them integrate?; Should the Moroccan government intervene to 'regularize' their situation?

**Huaiyin Li**, University of Texas at Austin

*Prelude to China's Economic "Miracle": Worker Performance in State-Owned Factories before the Reform*

Was worker performance in state firms in China before the reform era necessarily inefficient due to the lack of material incentives as neoliberal economists have widely assumed? Drawing on interviews with retirees from the state-owned factories, this paper reexamines multiple formal and informal factors that constrained as well as motivated factory employees.

**Wei Li**, Arizona State University; **Kanika Bakshi**, Jawaharlal Nehru University; **Xuanyu Huang**, Independent Scholar; and **Yining Tan**, Arizona State University

*Policies for Recruiting Talented Professionals from the Diaspora: India and China Compared*

In this article, we provide a comparative analysis of policies targeting high-level Chinese and Indian professionals and full-time returnees. Two key differences in policy instruments and outcomes in the two countries are identified and they have implications for immigration policies in other countries in the Global South and North.

**Jacek Lubecki**, Georgia Southern University,

*Palestinian And Polish Struggle For Sovereignty In A Comparative Perspective*

Between 1795 and 1918, so for 123 years the Polish nation was largely stateless as three neighboring empires (Russia, Prussia and Austria) took over and divided Polish territories, thus depriving the Polish people of sovereignty. Likewise, since the emergence of modern Palestinian national consciousness (difficult to pin down, but arguably taking back to the modern Arab awakening of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries) to this day, so, for over 100 years, Palestinian people have lived a state-less existence, divided and conquered by colonial powers or neighboring states (most importantly, Great Britain, Israel and Jordan). My paper will engage in a comparative analysis of the two struggles, informed by classical literature on nationalisms.

**Andrew Luma**, Palm Beach State College

*Counter Terrorism in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Obama and Bush Approach*

Experts agree that while the economic, political and human cost of the war on terrorism in sub-Saharan Africa is staggering, however many still disagree on a consistent and coherent strategy to deal with the crisis. As the situation deteriorates, sub Saharan African countries particularly those in "ground zero" have grown skeptical of proposed solutions to deal with the crisis. Given the scale, magnitude and the devastating impact on the region, some are no longer relying on their traditional European allies for assistance. This paper will examine the success and effectiveness of US counter terrorism programs under both the Bush and Obama administration in the region.

**Eliza M. Malinova**, Louisiana State University Shreveport

*Lincoln's Influence in Southern Africa: A Case Study of Zimbabwe*

Zimbabwe, the small landlocked British colony from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, did not gain independence until 1980, after an interim of white majority rule. The postponement led to a civil war led by Robert Mugabe whose ongoing rule has regressed since the mid-1990s. Nonetheless, there are signs of a Lincoln legacy to challenge autocratic usurpation of power. This paper explores this latent force.

**Sabita Manian**, Lynchburg College

*Intersectionality of Race, Religion & Politics: Indentureship, Migration and the Caribbean*

This paper seeks to explore the confluence and influence of the fundamentalist ideology of Hindutva (Hinduness) on the Caribbean Hindu diaspora and thereby critically examine the intersectionality of race, religion and politics.

**Sunita Manian**, Georgia College

*‘I Resent Society’s Irrational Fear of Sex’: Perspectives on Sexuality Among Youth in India*

In Spring 2017 I interviewed young people across several cities in India. This paper will explore some of the salient themes that arose in the course of my interviews. What I discovered was youth thirsting for more information on all aspects of sex and sexuality, but being failed by schools as well as families. Males were more open in expressing their sexual frustration at not being able to have healthy sexual relations, as expressed by one of my informants who said, ‘I resent the society’s irrational fear of sex.’ Young women, while reticent about talking about personal experiences, expressed frustration at society’s hypocrisies when it came to gender and sexuality.

**Dharmabrata Mohapatra**, Ravenshaw University

*An Assessment of Economic Impact of Mining on the Livelihood of Local Population: A Study in Odisha*

Does mining influence the changes in the livelihoods strategies of local population? What is the net economic impact of mining operations on the local population due to the change in their livelihood strategies? The present paper attempts to analyze the economic impact of mining on local population due to change in their livelihood strategies in Odisha, India.

**Ishmael I. Munene**, Northern Arizona University

*Closing of the Kenyan Mind: How University Transformation Subverts Intellectual Values in the Academy*

The paper examines the evolution of the university mission, curricular and faculty work from the colonial epoch, the post-independence period era along with the contemporary period to argue that university as it stands now is bereft of attributes that nature downtime for reflection, conversation, human connection, and the general well-being of body mind and soul.

**Chinekwu Obidoa**, Mercer University

*African Youth Negotiating Cultural Identity and Sexual Risk in a rapidly Globalizing World: A Case Study of Nigerian Youth*

Nigeria and indeed much of Africa is undergoing rapid social change. The ongoing changes taking place across the continent are in the social, cultural, economic, and political realms and are modulated by the powerful forces of globalization. This paper will discuss how Nigerian youth are negotiating cultural identity and sexual risk in a rapidly globalizing world.

**Al Chukwuma Okoli**, Federal University Lafia, Nigeria

*Borderlines, Natural Resources and Conflicts: A Territorial Materialism of Boundary Disputes in East Africa*

Beyond the ‘colonial legacy’ narrative, this study attempts a materialist conception of boundary disputes in East Africa. It argues that although the ‘colonial causation’ thesis is important, it has failed to wholly account for the prevalence of boundary conflict in the focal area. It associates most of the disputes with struggles over economic resources.

**Elizabeth Onasch**, SUNY Plattsburgh

*Comparing the Boundaries of Civic Belonging: Immigrant Integration Policies in Montreal and Paris.*

This paper compares how France’s and Quebec’s immigrant integration policies draw symbolic boundaries between immigrants and the imagined national community by applying a global critical theory of race to a discursive analysis of the current integration policies in Paris and Montreal.

**Gema Ortega**, Dominican University

*Decolonizing Study Abroad in the US: Dominican University Students’ Intellectual Exchanges with Cuba, al-Andalus, and Tijuana*

Drawing from the pedagogy proposed by Paulo Freire and bell hooks, this panel examines DU’s study abroad programs to emphasize the university’s work at *conscientização*, teaching U.S. students “new ways of seeing” themselves in the world as intellectually and culturally indebted to the traditions of the global South.

**Mohammed Ouhemou,** Hassan II University

*South-South Migration Cooperation, Challenges and Opportunities: The Case of Moroccan and South African Migration Policies*

South-South migration is unceasingly dominating the international human mobility trends. Most of global migration patterns are becoming centered within the Global South. Consequently, countries within the South face the challenge of building migration and integration policies. Improved policy schemes and their accompanying over-celebratory rhetoric (as in the case of Morocco, and South Africa) do help divert international criticism. Yet, they also undermine the serious challenges related social, economic and cultural integration of migrants. A situation that leads to the emergence of xenophobia towards and exclusion of the migrants. Consequently, migration turns from being an opportunity for South-South cooperation into a source of conflict and tension between states and peoples.

**Sudarsan Padmanabhan,** IIT-Madras

*The Political: Sacred or Secular*

This paper deals with the concept of swaraj as imagined by Tilak and Gandhi that transformed pre-independent India and which continues to resonate among the large swathe of population to this day.

**Brian R. Parkinson,** Georgia Southwestern State University

*Teaching the Middle East in World History*

This presentation will offer a chronology based on the Cyclical Theory of History, first defined by Ibn Khaldoun. It will also explain how the Middle East is a product of mostly internal influences, yet much of Middle Eastern history can be defined as an effort to adapt Islam to these new environments accommodate the outside influences of the conquered.

**Amir Ali Parpia,** University College London

*The Perception Of Rituals In The Ismā‘īlī Muslim Community In Southern Pakistan - A Case Study On The Idea Of Modern Ismā‘īlism*

The paper is based on a field research conducted with the Ismā‘īlī Muslim community in Southern Pakistan and it uses the case study of the community’s views on their rituals in order to understand how the idea of modern Ismā‘īlism and its structures and discourses effect the community.

**Victoria Pasley,** Ashford University

*State Repression and Gender on the Eve of the Arab Spring in Leyla Bouzid’s As I Open my Eyes*

Leyla Bouzid’s new feature film “As I Open my Eyes” (2016) adeptly weaves the experiences of a young female singer together with the repressive atmosphere leading up to the Jasmine Revolution in 2011. The film shows the pervasive nature of the state as well as giving interesting perspectives on gender in Tunisia.

**Vanessa Pattharwala,** University College London

*How Do The Political Parties Of Pakistan And India Influence Educational Systems And Policies To Foster Their Own Ideologies?*

This paper is an attempt to study the influence of political parties of Pakistan & India into their respective educational systems, and how it frames particular notions of ideologies in students.

**William D. Pederson,** Louisiana State University

*Lincoln in Northern Africa: A Survey*

Lincoln’s legacy in Northern Africa may be less pervasive than in most areas of the world but there is one in most of the five Muslim nations bordering the Mediterranean. It spans his presidency to current times. This paper surveys that legacy especially in the former French colonies.

**Christina Perez**, Dominican University

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**James Perkinson**, Ecumenical Theological Seminary

*Kendrick Lamar Meets Mansa Sunjata: What US Hip-Hop Could Learn from Moroccan Youth Who Became Griot-Healers in 13<sup>th</sup> Century Mali*

This paper examines US hip-hop MC Kendrick Lamar's laments as a possible example of a globalization begun when Moroccan youth on an initiation walk to old Mali, saved the town of Do ni Kiri from a buffalo wraith and in the process gave birth to a *griot* line of song-educators.

**Lisa Petrov**, Dominican University

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**Youssef Salhi**, Georgia Southern University

*Amazigh Identity And Consciousness In Morocco*

Imazighen "free people" in North African countries share a lot of ethnic, cultural, and linguistic characteristics. Nonetheless, their historical experiences are quite different. For instance, while the Amazigh movement in Algeria has been more political, the Amazigh experience in Morocco has traditionally been more focused on linguistic and cultural aspects of their identity. My paper will engage in a comparative analysis of the different experiences of the Amazigh people in North Africa in the post-independence era. My main questions will be: What are the historical experiences of Imazighen in North Africa? What are the reasons behind those differences? Will the Pan-Amazigh movement in Morocco continue to be linguistic and cultural in nature and less politicized, or will it change?

**Kelley Quinn**, Georgia College

*Revealing the Face of Islamophobia: A Critical Evaluation of Western Feminism*

In recent years many young Muslim women have reclaimed the hijab— typically viewed as a symbol of patriarchy— to assert their right to choose what they wear. White western feminists often portray women who wear the hijab as oppressed, representing yet another form of paternalism that tell women of the global south what they should do and how they should be. Drawing from Laila Lalami's "Hope and Other Dangerous Pursuits," in this paper the characters Halima Bouhamsa, Faten, and Noura will help provide inspiration and perspective in exploring the various pharisaical views and practices of White Western Feminism. This perspective and this paper will be examined through an intersectional feminist lens, with the aim of developing a more inclusive global feminism.

**Seth Read**, Berry College

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**Paul A. Rodell**, Georgia Southern University

*Philippine Martial Law Memory War: Youth Theater vs. a Marcos Clan Resurgence*

Those who control the memory of the past control history. The truth of this axiom is on display in today's Philippines which has seen an alarming rise of authoritarianism. Beyond the political rise of Rodrigo Duterte to the presidency, is the political ascendance of Ferdinand Marcos, Jr., son of deceased President Ferdinand E. Marcos. In opposition is an extremely innovative theatrical company the Philippine Stagers Foundation (PSF) led by Vincent M. Tañada, grandson of the late Marcos opposition stalwart Lorenzo Tañada. Based on the play "Katipis ang mga Bagong Katipunero: A Filipino Musical" this paper will describe the PSF itself, the performance and the important audience reaction. It will further contextualize this memory contestation within the country's contemporary struggle for national identity, purpose and leadership.

**Shalisa L. Roland**, Louisiana State University- Shreveport

*Lincoln Schools in Cuba*

Abraham Lincoln's international influence stemmed from his bold, groundbreaking issue of the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. Cuba gained knowledge of this preliminary move on United States' slavery and desired the same revolutionary phenomenon in its country. As a result, there are schools in Cuba named after Lincoln.

**Houman A. Sadri**, University of Central Florida

*Central Asian States' Relations in the Global & Regional Context*

This project focuses on analyzing the ties between the Central Asian Republics and the Great Powers. The relations between the Central Asian states have had their ups and down with each of the major Great Powers.

**David Schwam-Baird**, University of North Florida

*Interrogating Nationalism: How Should Social Scientists Think About Nationalism in the Global South in the 21st Century?*

This paper presents a reconsideration of the ideology of nationalism for the Global South. It interrogates Nationalism as an effective ideology and political program applicable to the problems of the Global South, in light of its successes and failures in the last half-century, and in terms of the newer challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**Naveed S. Sheikh**, Keele University

*Ali Mazrui and the Fanonian Fallacy: Emancipation, Redemption, and Violence in an Age of Terror*

The present paper interrogates the late Professor Ali Mazrui's paradigmatic approach to the study of terrorism in the context of meta-historical, structural, and cultural forces. Though sympathetic to the composite analysis, the paper offers a critique of the underlying Fanonian fallacy of such an approach, arguing instead that the violentization of agency—for reasons both ethical and efficacious—must be counteracted by a strategy of dialogical humanization.

**Fatimah Smith and Navdeep Singh**, Louisiana State University Shreveport

*Lincoln's Legacy in Western Africa: The Case of Burkina Faso*

As a small landlocked country in Western Africa, Burkina Faso has had a divisive history under colonialism and post-independence African politics. Ironically, Burkina Faso also has a persistent strain of identification with "the Great Emancipator" from the United States that in some ways gave it an identification apart from the best-known African independence leaders from the late 1950s: e.g., Leopold Sedar Senghor (Senegal), Felix Houphouet-Boigny (Ivory Coast), and Kwame Nkrumah (Gold Coast/Ghana). This paper explores that connection especially in its first leaders and in its philatelic history.



**Cathy Skidmore-Hess**, Georgia Southern University

*Conservation, Identity and Hunting in Botswana*

This paper examines the development of identity and occupation in regards to hunting and conservation within Botswana. In so doing, it considers local rights to resources as well as access to global manufactured goods and tourist dollars.

**Uwe Skoda**, Aarhus University

*Visualizing Death And The Corpse. Perspectives On Postmortem-Photography In India*

Taking the relatively well-documented traditions of postmortem photography in Europe and North America as a backdrop, the paper explores the specific and so far rather under-researched situation in India.

**Peyi Soyinka-Airewele**, Ithaca College

*The Brewing Africana Wars in the Diaspora: Nescient Politics of the Oppressed*

The growing spate of policies in US institutions that seek to differentiate between Africans of the old and new Diaspora within the United States are informed by a range of fears, experiences, and continued systems of racialized marginalization and insidious hierarchies. Protests and policy changes have generally contended that international or first-generation African or Caribbean students had not been affected directly by the “African Holocaust” or suffered for generations under white supremacy and American fascism. This paper seeks to explore these growing tensions, articulate the underlying causes and tentatively advocate for ways of addressing self-defeating schisms within struggles against racialized discrimination.

**Kaylee Steck**, Georgetown University

*A Study of Migrant Social Activism in Morocco*

In the absence of formal channels for political participation, how do non-citizens organize to demand their basic rights? What tools do they use to influence changes in policy and the public sphere? My paper responds to these questions by exploring the topics of civil society and sub-Saharan African migrants in Morocco.

**Philip Szmedra**, Georgia Southwestern University

*Diabetes and Depression in Samoa: A Case Study*

This paper describes diabetes as the most serious public health situation that has been evolving in Pacific island nations for more than two generations. Depression is a very common co-morbidity among people suffering from diabetes. Here we analyze data collected in Samoa among diabetics being treated at out-patient clinics to evaluate the link between diabetes and depression.

**Joseph Takougang**, University of Cincinnati

*Organizational Formation among Cameroonian Immigrants in the United States*

According to the Census Bureau, the population of Cameroonian immigrants in the United States has increased significantly in the last three and a half decades; from less than one thousand in the early 1980s to 3,161 in 1990, and about 48,952 in 2013. Like generations of immigrants from Western Europe and other foreign destinations, Cameroonian and other African immigrants in the United States are creating support groups and organizations where they not only feel a sense of belonging, but are helping them adapt and survive in their respective communities. This paper examines the genesis and importance of these organizations and efforts at improving the lives of their communities back in Cameroon.

**Gwyneth Talley**, University of California, Los Angeles

*Colonial Remnants in Caring for Morocco's Working Equids*

This presentation discusses the role of former colonial and new working animal charities and their impacts on the Moroccan working donkeys, mules, and horses.

**Moses K. Tesi**, Middle Tennessee University

*Politics without Vision: Electoral Politics without Prospects in Cameroon*

This paper analyzes electoral politics, institutions, and processes in Cameroon since the revival of democratization. The objective is to assess how these institutions and processes impact electoral outcomes and the vision that governs organized political activism and the electoral process and how that vision or lack of it, and the electoral process itself serve as a basis for gauging the prospect of change with or without Biya in power after the 2018 elections. Research for the paper was carried out in Cameroon in the summer s of 2013 and 2015. The data was generated from interviews, and content analysis of Cameroonian newspapers, platforms of Cameroon's main parties, Cameroon's Election Commission, and rulings on contested elections.

**Rui Tong**, Jiangnan University and **Xun (George) Wang**, University of Wisconsin-Parkside and Jiangnan University  
*State Control of Social Organizations in China: A Historical-institutional Analysis*

The purpose of this paper is to analyze state control of social organizations (Nonprofit and Nonpolitical organizations) in China using the historical-institutional approach. Examining recent fast development of social organizations in China reveals that strong state control is one of the obstacles for future development of social organizations in China.

**Jyotirmaya Tripathy**, IIT-Madras

*Development as Biopolitics: Food Security and Contemporary Indian Experience*

The paper argues that for development to be made meaningful, it needs to legitimate itself through the production of healthy bodies, which can be realized through food security, immunization drives, and housing schemes among others. A postcolonial democratic state like India makes an effort to protect its people from hunger and draws its legitimacy from the same.

**Egodi Uchendu**, University of Nigeria

*Nigerian political experiences*

In 2015 Nigeria transited power from one political party to another. Afterwards, it began to confront new realities in all spheres of existence. The story of Nigeria since May 2015 will be told through a presentation based on contents from the social media that capture Nigeria's experiences and Nigerians reactions to them.

**G.N. Uzoigwe**, Mississippi State University

*Neocolonialism is dead: Long live Neocolonialism!!*

Although neocolonialism was a major political phenomenon in the newly independent countries of Asia, Latin America, and Africa in the decades of the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s, most politicians and scholars in the West rejected the concept, dismissing it off-handedly as the self-righteous reaction of nationalist politicians and radical scholars who were uncomfortable with a new age of change that the realities of independence have exacerbated. Because of the recent renewed interest in the subject, especially the widening perspectives on the concept, this paper revisits the phenomenon of neocolonialism and discusses its enduring manifestations, concluding that the idea of neocolonialism, far from being dead, is alive and well.

**Adrian Winchester**, Rhodes College

*The Millennial Generation's Impact on Revolutionary Movements and the Middle East: An Expansion on Juan Cole's The Young Arabs*

I will be writing on the youth of the Arab world and their role in shaping the future of the Middle East. I will expand on Juan Cole's *The Young Arabs*, while also using personal experience to personalize overarching themes.

**James Winchester**, Georgia College

*Visions of Pleasure and the Good Life from Across the Global South*

The Buddha warns that sensual pleasure is fleeting and blocks the path to enlightenment. Aristippus (born in what we call Libya but was in his day called Cyrene) held pleasure was the greatest good and essential to the good life. I will examine what a variety of philosophies from the global south say about pleasure and the good life and attempt to develop my own view of the role of pleasure in a good human life.

**Joseph Oluchukwu Wogu**, University of Nigeria- Nsukka

*Media Ownership, State Censorship, and Western Interest Ascendancy in the Global South: A neo-colonial approach*

This paper is concerned with state monopoly and censorship of the media, motivated resistance and ascendancy of Western interests in the Global South, examining media imperialism and state failure.

**Alwen Yeung**, Georgia Southwestern State University

*Reorganizing Multicultural Music History*

So how does one implement a new model of teaching music history that makes since? This presentation adopts an interdisciplinary approach that borrows from more recent developments in the teaching of world history, which, attempts to organize world history chronologically and thematically, as opposed to chronologically and geographically.

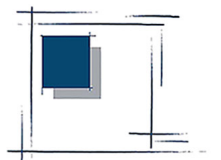
**Mishaal Zulfiqar**, University College London

*The Impact of gender Bias on Education and Employment: The case of South Asia*

This paper relative status of women and a nation's progress along with cases of South Asian region based on discrimination on education and employment. Millennium Developmental Goals emphasize the importance of gender inequality and its impact on a nations' GDP. Gender inequality in education and employment can also be explained by socio-economic backgrounds, civil freedom and the extent of religious freedom. Thus, countries that do not reinforce gender equality pay in terms of lower incomes, illiteracy and other social issues.



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